

in many other important activities such as the Draft Goldwater Committee and the National Review Magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to honor YAF as it prepares for its 41st year of training young men and women in the philosophy of freedom and holds its National Convention, as well as to offer my congratulations to these honorees.

**HONORING CHAMPION WRESTLER
JOEL EDWARDS**

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate an extremely accomplished high school athlete from my congressional district, in Upper Darby, PA. Joel Edwards, a recent graduate of Upper Darby High School, recently won the Pennsylvania State wrestling championship in his weight class.

Joel Edwards has proven himself to be one of the best, if not the best, wrestler, Upper Darby High has ever had. Joel has a long list of accomplishments: a two-time Sectional champion, two-time District champion, two time Regional champion, and the 2001 State Champion. In addition, Joel recently placed eighth in the nation in the National High School Senior Wrestling Championship, earning him All-American honors. These accomplishments are but a few, but show Joel's remarkable wrestling talent. Numerous honors and awards have been bestowed on Joel for his accomplishments. The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Delaware County Daily Times named him "Wrestler of the Year", and he was also a three-time All-League and All-County selection. His career record was a phenomenal 116-23.

Joel is now on his way to a great institution of higher learning, Penn State University, where he has been given a full scholarship to pursue his wrestling career for the Nittany Lions. It is my pleasure to represent Joel Edwards in Congress and to see his accomplishments. He has been a great source of community spirit and pride in the entire Upper Darby area. I wish Joel continued success at Penn State and again wish to congratulate him on his remarkable achievements.

**IN HONOR OF WILLIAM
HAMBRECHT**

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a business pioneer, a philanthropist, and a long time friend, Bill Hambrecht. Bill is being inducted into the Bay Area Business Hall of Fame today, Thursday, July 19. I can think of no worthier gentleman to receive such a distinct honor.

William R. Hambrecht is Founder, Chairman, and CEO of WR Hambrecht & Co., an

investment banking, entrepreneurial investment firm headquartered in San Francisco. In 1968, he co-founded Hambrecht & Quist which he headed until the late 1990s.

William Hambrecht is a legendary trailblazer in investment banking. Through his "West Coast-style" investing, he has engineered major success stories such as Genentech, Apple Computers, and Amazon.com. By bringing fresh ideas to the financial world such as its innovative auction-style OpenIPOs, WR Hambrecht & Co. has been recognized as a groundbreaking investing company.

His philanthropic work demonstrates his concern for the community and the environment. He serves as a Director of Beacon Education Management, an education management company. He also sits on the board of KQED, San Francisco's public television and radio station and is a trustee of the Sierra Club.

William Hambrecht is dedicated to education and business growth. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. As a member and former Chairman of the Council on Competitiveness, he is committed to improving U.S. economic competitiveness and leadership in world markets. The Council, composed of corporate CEOs, university presidents, and labor leaders, focuses on strengthening U.S. competitiveness through innovation and technology.

William Hambrecht is an inspiration and a friend to many. His brilliant leadership has changed the face of California business and philanthropy. It is my honor to recognize the achievements of my constituent, and to join with his wife Sally and the Bay Area Council in acknowledging his contributions and ongoing dedication to social justice and the advancement of the Bay Area's wellbeing. I applaud his commitment to his community and cherish his friendship.

**BROWNSVILLE TEXAS IS ALL
AMERICAN CITY**

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share my pride today in the beautiful South Texas city of Brownsville which was chosen by the National Civic League and Allstate Insurance Company as an "All American City." Brownsville was one of 10 municipalities named All American Cities.

This is a recognition for civic excellence honoring communities where citizens, government, businesses, non-profits and others demonstrate successful partnerships to resolve critical challenges before the community. Brownsville is a great example of this dynamic.

Brownsville's unique location "On the Border by the Sea," with its multi-cultural, historical and natural resources, is a good look at what America will be, and should be, over the next decades. It is a friendly city, populated by smart, visionary people which borders both the Gulf of Mexico and Mexico itself.

Brownsville's rich history includes: Karankawa Indians, Spanish explorers,

vaqueros (Mexican cowboys), ranchers, soldiers, prospectors and present day captains of business and industry. The City of Brownsville was incorporated in 1853, taking its name from Fort Brown Post Commander Major Jacob Brown.

But of all the natural resources, easily the most valuable, most often-cited natural treasure is the people of Brownsville themselves. The nicest people I know live in the Rio Grande Valley. The life is easy, but the work is hard. So often, the border area is seen by both the United States and Mexico as a separate region, a place unto itself.

But the people there find ways to deal with the challenges that face them . . . the challenge of finding the water the community needs, keeping up with the rapidly-growing population, and supporting infrastructure for the international trade that flows across the U.S.-Mexico border.

This bi-cultural city, which is big, but not too big, is a family oriented place of beauty. The unique plants and wildlife, resacas, proximity to the beach and to the neighboring country of Mexico, all bring tourists to this area of the country in droves.

This leading border city whose people come together when the mission or purpose calls is most deserving of this award. All the people who participated in the award process are to be commended.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the community of Brownsville on this outstanding achievement.

**TAIWAN PRESIDENT CHEN SHUI-
BIAN CHAMPIONS HUMAN RIGHTS**

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan recently completed his first year of service as head of state, and I would like to take this occasion to congratulate him and comment on a few of Taiwan's achievements.

Taiwan has long been a friend of the United States. Over the last decades, Taiwan has made great strides towards becoming a model of rapid political reform. Taiwan subscribes to the private enterprise system and offers its people one of the highest standards of living in Asia. In terms of its trading relations with us, Taiwan represents our seventh largest export market, thus providing many jobs for our manufacturers. In addition, more than 30,000 Taiwan students are studying at U.S. colleges and universities. The U.S. is the number one destination for most of Taiwan travelers. Taiwan and the United States share many values in common such as attachment to freedom, democracy, and human rights.

One of the most notable feature of President Chen's administration is his championing of human rights. For many decades, human rights had been a taboo subject in Taiwan until Taiwan's martial law was repealed in 1987. In recent years, the government has been cooperating with civic groups to recognize the government's past mistakes and has